

**ORANGE COUNTY JUVENILE JUSTICE COMMISSION  
LAMOREAUX JUVENILE JUSTICE CENTER  
COMMISSION CONFERENCE ROOM – 2<sup>nd</sup> FLOOR  
341 The City Drive, Orange, CA 92868  
Wednesday, May 4, 2016  
9:00 a.m.**

**AGENDA**

- 1. CALL TO ORDER**
- 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- 3. INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS AND COMMENTS**
  - **JUVENILE COURT**
  - **DISTRICT ATTORNEY**
  - **PUBLIC DEFENDER (DELINQUENCY UNIT)**
  - **PUBLIC DEFENDER (DEPENDENCY UNIT)**
  - **COUNTY COUNSEL**
  - **PROBATION DEPARTMENT**
  - **SOCIAL SERVICES AGENCY**
  - **HEALTH CARE AGENCY, CHILDREN & YOUTH BEHAVIORAL HEALTH**
  - **HEALTH CARE AGENCY, JUVENILE HEALTH SERVICES**
  - **DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, INSTITUTIONAL SCHOOLS**
  - **STATE OF CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY CARE LICENSING**
  - **CHIEFS OF POLICE DEPARTMENTS**
  - **SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT**
  - **REGIONAL CENTER OF ORANGE COUNTY**
  - **PUBLIC COMMENTS**
- 4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
- 5. REVIEW OF CORRESPONDENCE**
- 6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
- 7. OLD BUSINESS**
- 8. NEW BUSINESS**
- 9. LIAISON ACTIVITIES**
- 10. COMMITTEE REPORTS**
- 11. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS/ANNOUNCEMENTS**
- 12. EXECUTIVE SESSION**
- 13. ADJOURNMENT**

**MINUTES OF ORANGE COUNTY  
JUVENILE JUSTICE COMMISSION  
May 4, 2016**

The regular meeting of the Orange County Juvenile Justice Commission was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chair de Mayo. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Riley. The meeting was held at the Betty Lou Lamoreaux Juvenile Justice Center, 341 The City Drive, Orange, California, in the second floor Commission Conference Room.

**COMMISSIONERS**

**PRESENT:** Patricia Boortz  
Amy Crowley  
Benjamin de Mayo, Chair  
Cheryl Hart, Vice Chair  
Susan Leibel  
Rick Martinez  
Eula Nelson  
Kathleen Nordin  
James Riley  
Judy Zorrilla

**COMMISSIONERS**

**ABSENT:** Alex Rounaghi  
Jan Sturla  
Carlos Zelaya

**STAFF:** Beverly MacLaren, Administrative Officer  
Hilary Kim, Legal Processing Specialist

**GUESTS:** Jana Hoffmann, Senior Deputy District Attorney  
Mike Perez, Assistant Public Defender, Delinquency Unit  
Laura Jose, Assistant Public Defender, Dependency Unit  
Cynthia Inda, Deputy County Counsel  
Steven J. Sentman, Chief Probation Officer  
Gary Taylor, Division Director, Children and Family Services, SSA  
Denise Churchill, Administrative Manager II, Orangewood Children and Family Center, SSA  
Alicia Lemire, Program Manager II, Children and Youth Behavioral Health, HCA  
Stacey Northcutt, Program Manager, Juvenile Health Services, HCA  
Marilyn MacDougall, Executive Director, Drug Use is Life Abuse, OCSD  
Jack Stanton, Manager of Consumer and Community Resources, RCOC  
Maggie Corbin, Supervisory, CSP Victim/Witness Assistance Program  
Hether Benjamin, Director of Youth Development, Community Services Programs  
Regan Phillips, Chief Program Officer, CASA  
Bob Theemling, Chief Program Officer, Orangewood Foundation  
Gene Howard, Executive Director, Orange County Alliance for Children and Families  
Lawren Ramos, Executive Director, Boys Town  
J. Michael Hughes, Attorney at Law  
Diana Robles Nichols, CSUF Fieldwork and Academic Advisor  
Gabrielle Ridley, Guardian Scholars Program Coordinator, Orange Coast College  
Katie Brazer, Orange County Community Education Representative, CHIRLA  
Kathy McCarrell, CEO and President, Project Access Resource Centers

**COMMENTS BY DISTRICT ATTORNEY**

Jana Hoffmann, Senior Deputy District Attorney, stated there are four new attorneys to replace the four attorneys that left the unit. A new law went into effect regarding cell phone search warrants. A new search warrant system has also been implemented.

**COMMENTS BY PROBATION DEPARTMENT**

Steven Sentman, Chief Probation Officer, announced the current Probation Officer Academy class will be deployed by the end of the month to new assignments. The population at Juvenile Hall has remained near 100. The Joplin Youth Center population has increased. Senator Leno has introduced SB 1143 to place restrictions on the use of room confinement of minors or wards who are confined in juvenile facilities. If passed, the bill would go into effect on January 1, 2018. Chief Sentman thanked the Juvenile Justice Commissioners for their attendance at the Pups and Wards graduation ceremony.

**COMMENTS BY SOCIAL SERVICES AGENCY (SSA)**

Gary Taylor, Division Director, stated the Social Services Agency is working to implement the Resource Family Approval (RFA) process. There have been challenges regarding the funding piece for group homes. The number of dependency petitions filed has increased. The Social Services Agency is working to address the increase in caseloads.

Denise Churchill, Administrative Manager II, reported the Orangewood Children and Family Center (OCFC) population is currently 80 children. The highest number of children are in the age range of 0-5 years old. OCFC continues to participate in the Commercially Sexually Exploited Children (CSEC) prevention workgroup to create a curriculum for a six-week course in how to identify CSEC victims.

**COMMENTS BY HEALTH CARE AGENCY, CHILDREN AND YOUTH BEHAVIORAL HEALTH**

Alicia Lemire, Program Manager II, reported that the Health Care Agency has a new program, "Strong Families Strong Children" which provides behavioral health services for military families. Information will be emailed to the Administrative Officer.

**COMMENTS BY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT**

Marilyn MacDougall, Executive Director, reported the Sheriff's Department has been conducting drug education seminars throughout Orange County. The educational seminar regarding heroin was attended by more than 300 people. There are 450 people registered for the next seminar, which will focus on synthetic drugs.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**Community Service Programs (CSP)**

Hether Benjamin, Director of Youth Development, provided an overview of the CSP Children's Crisis Residential Program. It is funded by the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) to treat youth ages 13-17. The program provides short-term crisis stabilization. The children can stay up to three weeks.

**CASA**

Regan Phillips, Chief Program Officer, reported that two of the three case supervisor positions have been filled. The CASA training classes will resume in July. The annual gala was held on April 16, 2016 and raised over \$1 million. The i♥oc Giving Day event raised over \$200,000.

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**Orangewood Foundation**

Bob Theemling, Chief Program Officer, announced the Independent Living Program graduation will be held on May 31, 2016 at Orange Coast College. The Samueli Academy will have children in grades 9 to 12 during the upcoming school year.

The Orangewood Foundation has closed escrow on a property to house adult victims of human trafficking. The property is in the process of being renovated. A program supervisor has been hired and the home is expected to open by July of this year.

**Guardian Scholars**

Gabrielle Ridley, Coordinator, announced the Guardian Scholars program has partnered with Orange Coast College, Goldenwest Community College, and California State University, Fullerton to provide foster youth scholarships and assistance when transferring from community colleges to four-year universities. The Guardian Scholars program is working to create county-wide training for foster youth and also to conduct workshops on financial aid on school campuses.

**CHIRLA**

Katie Brazer, Orange County Community Education Representative, presented the JJC with a list of workshops being offered by CHIRLA in Orange County. The next workshop will be held on June 9, 2016 in Santa Ana.

J. Michael Hughes, Attorney at Law, expressed his concerns regarding the transition to the Odyssey case management system. The new system has been experiencing technical issues. There have been difficulties in retrieving data for billing purposes.

**REVIEW OF CORRESPONDENCE**

The correspondence was reviewed.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A motion was made to accept the minutes of the meeting held April 20, 2016, as written. **MSC Commissioners de Mayo/Nelson to approve the minutes of the April 20, 2016 meeting, as written.**

**OLD BUSINESS**

The Administrative Officer contacted the Social Services Agency regarding the procedure for searching for children who run away from the Orangewood Children and Family Center. A discussion was held regarding the ongoing efforts to locate children who have left the facility.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Commissioners Hart, Martinez, and Zorrilla attended the PAW graduation ceremony held on April 22, 2016. Three dogs graduated from the program and were adopted by families.

Commissioner Riley reported the results of the inspection of the Orange County Sheriff's Department (OCSD) Stanton facility on May 3, 2016. Commissioner Crowley was also present at the inspection. The OCSD Stanton facility held no minors over six hours. There were no issues regarding the handling of juveniles at this facility.

**LIAISON ACTIVITIES**

**Orange County Children's Partnership (OCCP)**

Commissioner Leibel reported there will be a strategic planning meeting to discuss what actions can be taken based on the data collected for the 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Report on the Conditions of Children in Orange County. Dr. Eric Handler, Orange County Public Health Officer, gave an overview of the work being done by the Waste Not OC Coalition.

**RESOURCE FAMILY APPROVAL (RFA) / RECRUITMENT, TRAINING, AND SUPPORT (RTS)**

Commissioners Crowley and Nelson attended the meeting and reported a marketing group has been hired to evaluate the distribution of the current grant funds. Since the marketing will not be completed within the current grant timelines, there are plans to reapply for the grant next year.

**Working to End Child Abuse and Neglect (WE CAN) Coalition Subcommittee**

Commissioner Leibel attended the Community Prevention subcommittee meeting. University of Southern California Associate Professor Michael Hurlburt has been conducting research to study the relationship between community connections and the risk and protection from child maltreatment. The data is being collected using a ten point scale and 30 different neighborhoods are being studied.

**MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Commissioners Crowley and Nelson are planning to attend the Child Welfare System Improvement Committee meeting on May 5, 2016.

Commissioner Zelaya plans to attend the WECAN Treatment subcommittee meeting on May 5, 2016.

Commissioners Nelson and Riley are planning to attend the Rio Contiguo graduation ceremony on May 6, 2016.

Commissioners Hart and Nordin are planning to attend the Public Hearing on the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Annual Plan Update on May 10, 2016.

Commissioners Crowley and Nelson are planning to attend the Eliminating Racial Disparity and Disproportionality (ERDD) Advisory Board meeting on May 10, 2016.

Commissioner Leibel is planning to attend the Trauma Informed Practices Steering Committee (TIPS-C) meeting on May 11, 2016.

Commissioners Crowley, Riley, and Zelaya are planning to inspect the Brea and Placentia Police Departments on May 12, 2016.

Commissioners de Mayo, Nelson, and Sturla are planning to attend the Foster Family Agency Forum on May 17, 2016.

**ADJOURNMENT OF REGULAR SESSION**

The regular session was adjourned at 10:58 a.m.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

An executive session was convened from 10:59 a.m. until 11:52 a.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:52 a.m.

Members of the Executive Committee remained and held a meeting after the formal adjournment.

*Benjamin de Mayo*

Benjamin de Mayo, Chair